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SUBJECT: PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI'S HEALTH

1. WILLIAM MADER OF TIME MAGAZINE (ONLY US CITIZEN IN TRUDEAU PRESS ENTOURAGE) IN CALL AT USLO OCTOBER 11 SAID CHOU EN-LAI IN INFORMAL GATHERING OF SEVERAL MEMBERS OF TRUDEAU PARTY, INCLUDING MADER, WAS ASKED WHEN HE WOULD VISIT CANADA. HE REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO DO SO ATALL, ADDING THAT HE WAS OLD NOW, AND HIS HEALTH WOULD NOT PERMIT IT.

2. ON ANOTHER OCCASION WHERE PICTURES WERE TO BE TAKEN MA YA-CHEN, OF MFA INFORMATION DEPARTMENT, EXPLAINED TO THE TRUDEAU PARTY THAT THE KLEIG LIGHTS WOULD ONLY BE LEFT ON BRIEFLY, BECAUSE OF THE STATE OF THE PREMIER'S HEALTH.

3. CHOU HAS REFERRED TO HIS ADVANCED AGE AND HEALTH PROBLEMS IN THE PAST, BUT THESE ARE THE FIRST INSTANCES OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE WHERE HE OR ANY OTHER CHINESE OFFICIAL HAS SPOKEN SO OPENLY OF HIS HEALTH LIMITATIONS.
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